THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 18th July 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

SHORT NOTICE STARRED QUESTION.

Special Officer for the proposed Andhra State.

* 647-A *Q.*—SRI C. V. K. RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Central Government have informed the Madras Government about the appointment and duties of a Special Officer for Andhra ; and

(*b*) when he will resume his work?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Technically no. But I have received a personal intimation from the Prime Minister, and so also has the Governor received, about the appointment. There is also a press note to that effect issued from Delhi. His function will be as mentioned in the press note, which the hon. Member has no doubt read. That is to say, he will be available for all consultations and other steps necessary for the formation of the new State of Andhra on October 1, 1953. His present appointment as Special Officer is intended to expedite the administrative arrangements. But this is only, as I said, my understanding of the press note. Probably early in August and perhaps even earlier also, he will take up his work. Even this is my expectation. I have not had any official information about his programme."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Did the Madras Government ever ask the Centre to appoint a Special Officer? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The intention of the Government of India to appoint a Special Officer was known to me, and I recently wrote to them that they might expedite it."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Was the State Government consulted in regard to the fixation of headquarters of the Governor of the Andhra State in Madras City? "

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition.

* 648 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how many Agricultural and Industrial exhibitions have been conducted in the State and in how many of them the District Agricultural Departments participated and was awarded prizes or meritorious certificates?

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THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" 177 Agricultural and Industrial Exhibitions were held in this State during 1952–53. The Agricultural Department participated in 138 of them. Departmental exhibits won prizes or meritorious certificates in 20 of these exhibitions."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" In view of the fact that these exhibitions are conferring immense benefits by way of propaganda among rural population also, will the Government consider holding these exhibitions every year in some important centres of rural areas also? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Holding exhibitions is rather a very costly affair. But wherever exhibitions are held, the Departments of Industries and Agriculture also take part."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, what is the net result of these exhibitions financially and otherwise? Are they working at a loss or at a profit? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The object of these exhibitions is educating the public and carrying on propaganda for adoption of better methods of cultivation and all that. The financial aspect is not so important."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" What is the cost of holding these exhibitions, Sir? "

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Is the cost of prizes awarded borne by the Government, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Of course, not. It is the organizers of the exhibition who fix prizes for various things and the exhibits that are exhibited by the Departments of Agriculture and Industries, if they deserve, are awarded prizes."

Protected water-supply for Cannanore and Baliapatam.

* 649 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to introduce protected water-supply in Cannanore and Baliapatam towns in North Malabar?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is already a small protected water-supply scheme at Cannanore.

" No proposal is under the consideration of the Government to improve the protected water-supply scheme at Cannanore.

" As regards Baliapatam, a scheme for the supply of drinking water in the panchayat area through pipe-line is engaging the attention of the Collector of Malabar in consultation with the Panchayat."